



## LINCOLN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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Victor Ketellapper  
US EPA – Region 8  
1595 Wynkoop St.  
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Dear Mr. Ketellapper:

On August 12, 2009, the Lincoln County Health Board issued an abatement order for John Blake's property at 1159 Warland Creek Road in Libby, Montana. The house has collapsed and an earlier visual inspection by EPA personnel identified the presence of vermiculite insulation spilled out on the floors from broken ceilings and/or walls. I am enclosing photos taken on August 11, 2009, which reflect the condition of the property on that date.

The terms of the abatement order require Mr. Blake to arrange for clean up of this property. He has been in contact with Mike Cirian at the Libby EPA office and has indicated that he is willing to allow access to the property for the EPA clean up. Mr. Cirian has started the necessary paperwork and plans to complete clean up of this property by fall 2009.

The Lincoln County Health Board appreciates your prompt response to this issue. This property poses an obvious and immediate health threat to neighbors living in the immediate vicinity. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

Kathi Hooper, R.S.  
Lincoln County Sanitarian

Cc: Mike Cirian, EPA – Libby office



8/11/09 1159 Warland Cr Rd